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SUBJ: ANGOLA SALARY FREEZE AND STRIKE BAN

1. LISBON PRESS REPORTED JULY 6 THAT ANGOLAN MINISTER OF LABOR, DAVID AIRES MACHADO, ANNOUNCED TOTAL FREEZE ON SALARIES. FUTURE SALARY POLICY WILL BE DECIDED JOINTLY BY MINISTRY OF LABOR AND UNION OF ANGOLAN WORKERS (U.N.T.A.). ANNOUNCEMENT CONDEMNED THE GROWING DEMANDS FOR SALARY INCREASES AND THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF WILDCAT STRIKES AS "COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND ANARCHISTIC". MILITARY REPORTEDLY HAVE ASSUMED CONTROL OF STRIKE-TORN COFFEE SACK FACTORY AND LABOR MINISTRY ORDERED STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK. U.N.T.A. ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ALL STRIKES WHICH IT HAS NOT AUTHORIZED ARE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL.

2. PRESS REPORTED ALSO THAT GOA HAS ESTABLISHED PENALTY OF TWO TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR CRIMES OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE OR MARKET SPECULATION.

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